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P R O C E E D I N G S

. . . . The Board Meeting of the Wild Life and Fisheries Commission convened at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on Tuesday, August 18, 1970, at the Wild Life and Fisheries Building, 400 Royal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, Mr. J. G. Jones, Chairman, presiding

THERE WERE PRESENT:

MR. J. G. JONES, Chairman
MR. H. C. WRIGHT, Vice-Chairman
MR. C. A. GUIDRY
MR. C. M. HOFFPAUER
MR. J. E. KYLE, JR.
MR. HOBSON NORRIS
MR. J. L. WALKER
MR. J. L. WINFREE

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A G E N D A

1. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of June 19, 1970.

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✓3. Setting of the waterfowl seasons for 1970-71. (10)



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THE CHAIRMAN: The meeting will now come to order.



The first item of business is the approval of the minutes of the meeting of June 19, 1970.

What is your pleasure?

MR. WRIGHT: I so move.

THE CHAIRMAN: Moved by Mr. Wright. Is there a second?

MR. NORRIS: I second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Seconded by Mr. Norris. Is there any discussion? Is there any objection?

(No response)

THE CHAIRMAN: Hearing none, so ordered.

Item No. 2. You have Mr. Yancey's resolution pertaining to Mr. Crain. You want to read the resolution?

Of course, as you all know, we lost a fine man last week, who had been an employee of the Commission for a long time. The Commission would like to adopt a resolution at this time pertaining to Ned. I would like to read it.

WHEREAS, the late Ned W.

Crain served the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission for nearly



two decades and during his career with the Commission contributed greatly toward making Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge the nation's most outstanding water fowl refuge, and the nation's finest marsh refuge for many forms of wildlife, and

WHEREAS, throughout his career which saw him rise to the position of Refuge Superintendent he constantly demonstrated his deep perception, appreciation and understanding of wildlife, putting into practice many of the activities, programs and projects that collectively have made Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge the most outstanding refuge in the nation, and

WHEREAS, his dedication to duty and his keen enjoyment of the work in which he was engaged earned for him the respect and admiration



not only of his fellow workers but also the gratitude, respect and admiration of thousands of visitors to Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge, and

WHEREAS, the late Ned W. Crain's deep knowledge of marshland management and his sincere interest in preservation of wildlife for present and future generations gained for him the respect of visiting scientists, biologists, fish and game commissioners, Congressmen, government officials, and

WHEREAS, his thousands of friends included persons in all walks of life, from high level Department of Interior officials to average sportsmen and young people interested in wildlife and refuge management, and

WHEREAS, during the span



of years he served at Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge, the management programs saw increased use by waterfowl from 70,000 ducks and geese to well over 400,000 waterfowl annually, along with millions of other migrant birds, and

WHEREAS, all who knew him regarded him as a gentle, kindly man deeply interested in and dedicated to wildlife work, and

WHEREAS, the life and career of this dedicated public servant was brought to an untimely end in a deeply regretted airplane crash in Alaska,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does this day adopt this resolution of commendation and further expresses its deepest sympathy to Shirley Crain



and other members of the Crain family.

Then you may add to the resolution, of course. I was raised with Ned. He was a deep personal friend of mine, as he was with everybody that really knew him, and we have lost a good friend.

MR. WINFREE: Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Winfree.

MR. WINFREE: Mr. Chairman, I move that we adopt this resolution and further I move that it become a permanent part of the records of this Commission and that a copy of this resolution be dispatched to his family and a copy of this resolution be dispatched to the Rockefeller Foundation.

THE CHAIRMAN: You have heard the motion. Is there a second to that motion?

MR. WRIGHT: I second it.

THE CHAIRMAN: Seconded by Mr. Wright. All those in favor say "Aye."

IN UNISON: Aye.

(The text of the resolution,
as read above, is here made
part of the record.)



THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.

MR. KYLE: Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Kyle.

MR. KYLE: I'd like to move --

THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Kyle, please speak into the microphone. We can't hear you.

MR. KYLE: I'd like to move that the Director be instructed to prepare a suitable plaque to be put up in Mr. Crain's memory at Rockefeller, something permanent.

MR. WINFREE: I second that motion.

THE CHAIRMAN: It has been moved and seconded that an appropriate plaque be obtained by the Director to be erected at Rockefeller Wild Life Refuge. It is my understanding that you will proceed to do that. All those in favor say "Aye."

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Opposed?

(No response)

(Motion for erection of Crain memorial plaque at Rockefeller Refuge is here made part of the record.)



THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Yancey.

MR. YANCEY: Mr. Chairman, members of the Commission, this item on the agenda is always very non-controversial and has always met with complete understanding and agreement on the part of all concerned. It has to do with the setting of the water fowl hunting seasons for the forthcoming fall and winter.

We received a letter from the Bureau of Sport Fishers and Wild Life yesterday, which allocated the number of hunting days, the frameworks, the shooting hours, and the bag limits and so forth. And, of course, we are happy to note that the regulations on hunting out ducks have been liberalized substantially this year, and generally track the recommendations of the Commission.

This, of course, is partially the result of the fact that an excellent duck crop has materialized in Canada this year, particularly in the prairie provinces of Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Alberta, where water conditions were excellent, and this resulted in an excellent duck hatch all across the prairies. So the liberalization of the bag limits on ducks and the



number of hunting days is to a great extent the result of the greatly increased production this year.

Actually we expected the continental fall flight of ducks this year would be something on the order of a hundred million ducks. We would expect that some ten to twelve million of these would find their way to Louisiana. Some of them will pass through the state and winter south of us; some six or seven million will find their way into Louisiana and stay with us for the winter. And these will provide some excellent shooting for what we would expect would be well over a hundred thousand duck hunters in the state this year.

We have been offered an option on the duck season. We can elect a 45-day duck season, with a bag limit of four ducks, which would include four mallards, or we can elect a 55-day duck season, with a basic bag limit of six ducks, of which two can be mallards. We also are offered the option of splitting the duck season without penalty this year. In past years we have always been subjected to a ten percent loss of hunting days if we elected a split hunting



season. But the Commission made a strong pitch to do away with this split season penalty, and it was eliminated this year for the first time. It's going to make the setting of these seasons a lot easier for all the state game departments, as well as Louisiana.

MR. WINFREE: Mr. Yancey.

MR. YANCEY: Yes, sir.

MR. WINFREE: You mentioned in this 55-day period with the no-penalty, and you said the limit would be six ducks, not to include over two mallards?

MR. YANCEY: Right.

MR. WINFREE: Am I led to believe that in addition to these six ducks there will be a bonus of two scaups south of Highway 90, which would give you a bag limit of eight ducks a day?

MR. YANCEY: In this coastal marsh area you would have a basic bag limit of six ducks, of which only two could be mallards, but in addition to that six, if you hunt in this coastal marsh zone, you can take two scaups, in addition to the six; so, actually, our legal bag limit in this coastal area this year could be eight, provided at least two of them are



scaup, the bonus birds.

MR. HOFFPAUER: Or you could take eight scaup?

MR. YANCEY: Or you could take eight scaup.

MR. WINFREE: We'll let the Director take eight scaup.

(Laughter)

MR. YANCEY: It's been twenty-three years since the bag limit on ducks has been in excess of four. Some years it's been less than four, but this is the first year in twenty-three years that we have been offered a bag limit in excess of four ducks. And, of course, this is something that we've worked hard for -- the Commission did -- and many other people around the country, to break this barrier that we had, it seemed, against raising the bag limit over four birds, and it was accomplished this year. Certainly the Interior Department is to be commended for finally relinquishing here and giving the hunters a little better break. We think this is going to have a lot to do with curtailing the problem you have with over-the-bag shooting in the Mississippi flyway. So we're just very happy that the bag limit, the basic bag limit,



has been raised to six birds this year.

MR. WINFREE: Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes.

MR. WINFREE: At this time I'd like to commend the Director, Mr. Yancey, Mr. Swallow, Mr. Bateman, and all the other fine people associated with this Commission for the wonderful work that they have done on this duck program. Also, I would like publicly to express our thanks to the Congressional delegation from Louisiana, particularly Congressmen Hebert, Edwards and Caffery, who have worked so diligently with our staff and members of this Commission who went to Washington a week or ten days ago. I feel that all of them combined have made a great contribution to the duck hunters of the State of Louisiana, and I certainly feel that we should recognize them for the fine work that they have done.

MR. KYLE: Don't forget Mr. Long.

MR. WINFREE: And Speedy Long. I didn't mean to leave him out, but those four particularly.

MR. HOFFPAUER: While we're doing it, Mr. Yancey, why don't you write Mr. Godchaux a letter



and tell him "thank you" from the Commission.

MR. YANCEY: Actually, I think we should send a letter in to the Interior Department, commending the people in Interior for going along with this liberalization on these hunting regulations, because always in the past we've run into a very hard-nosed attitude up there. It was inflexible, but this year it seemed as if they were willing to discuss this thing. The general attitude seems to have changed.

I know in the early sixties, when we almost lost this sport altogether, we had some tough sledding then, and you just didn't have the ear of anyone up there; but this year, it seems like the general attitude has changed, and we hope that this will be the thing for the future.

MR. HOFFPAUER: Do you have a recommendation as to when the season should be? Maybe you can relate --

MR. YANCEY: We'll recommend that the 55-day duck season be elected, and it be split into two periods, and the reason that we are recommending the split is because your hunters in Louisiana are divided. Some of them want the latest shooting they can get, and others



want early November hunting, to take advantage of these southbound transient flocks; and there is no way that you can provide hunting for both groups without splitting it that we can see.

Since you do not have a penalty this year for the loss of hunting days, we will suggest that the season be spread into two periods with the first portion beginning Saturday, November 7, and running through Sunday, November 29, which would include the Thanksgiving holidays. We would suggest that the second segment begin Saturday, December 12, and run to Tuesday, January 12, which would include all the Christmas and New Year holidays. These two segments would also coincide with the major flight periods into the state, into and through the state.

MR. HOFFPAUER: What do you recommend about the geese?

MR. YANCEY: All right. On geese, we are offered seventy days of goose hunting, with a basic bag limit of five, of which two can be white-fronted geese. Daily bag and possession will be the same. It'll be a closed season on Canada geese. The suggestion



here is that the goose season begin Wednesday, November 25, and close Sunday, November 29, for five days, which would include the Thanksgiving holidays; and the second segment of the goose season begin concurrently with the second segment of the duck season on Saturday, December 12, and run to the end of, or at least until February 14, 1971, for 65 days.

Now this late closure on geese is to alleviate the crop damage we have over in southwest Louisiana with these big concentrations of blue and snow geese moving in on the improved pastures and stripping those pastures bare. With this later season which we requested and which was granted last year, it'll give the farmers the opportunity to control the crop damage.

THE CHAIRMAN: Before we take any action, is there anyone in the audience that wants to be heard on the matter of the fixing of dates for the duck or goose season?

(No response)

THE CHAIRMAN: Everybody is in agreement with you.

MR. YANCEY: You have one other consideration



here; and that is, you are offered either the bonus scaup during the regular duck season or a special late scaup season, and we would recommend that we choose the bonus scaup during the regular duck hunting season, which would allow two extra scaup in the coastal marshes during the time that the regular duck season is taking place. And the bag limit on coots is fifteen; the possession limit is thirty this year. It has been ten and twenty in the past.

THE CHAIRMAN: What is your pleasure? You have heard the recommendations.

MR. WINFREE: Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Winfree.

MR. WINFREE: After listening to Mr. Yancey and the biologist, and after being assured by Mr. Bosch of the Louisiana Wild Life Federation that he had contacted Mr. Mike Cook and Mr. John Musemeche and Mr. Hurley Campbell and Mr. Thibodeaux from Baton Rouge, since they told me that this season that they wanted was November 7 to November 29 and from December 12 until January 12 on ducks, with the possession, with the kill of six ducks a day, I'm going to make that



motion that we adopt that split season.

THE CHAIRMAN: It has been moved. Is there a second?

MR. NORRIS: I second it.

THE CHAIRMAN: Seconded by Mr. Norris. Is there any further discussion?

MR. WINFREE: Now without prefacing my remarks by the same thing on the geese --

THE CHAIRMAN: I thought you did it all at one time.

MR. WINFREE: No, I just gave Mr. Bosch, Mr. Cook and Mr. Campbell --

THE CHAIRMAN: Well, let's vote. Is there any objection?

(No response)

THE CHAIRMAN: Hearing none, so ordered.

(Action establishing dates and limits for the 1970-71 duck season, as outlined above, is here made part of the record.)

MR. WINFREE: Now on the geese, I am going to move that the goose season open on November 25 and



close on November 29, reopen again on December 12 and close on February 14, a total of seventy days.

THE CHAIRMAN: You have heard the motion. Is there a second?

MR. WRIGHT: I second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Seconded by Mr. Wright. Is there any further discussion? Are there any objections?

(No response)

THE CHAIRMAN: Hearing none, so ordered.

(Action establishing dates for the 1970-71 goose season as outlined above is here made part of the record.)

THE CHAIRMAN: Do you have anything else, Mr. Yancey?

MR. YANCEY: Not at the moment, no.

MR. WINFREE: Now as for the scaup, I'm going to move that the two bonus scaup south of Highway 90 -- is that about right, south of Highway 90?

MR. YANCEY: Well, generally speaking. This would be the same as last year.

MR. WINFREE: Well, that the scaup be taken



during the regular duck season, that is, to run concurrently from November 7 to the 29th and from December 12 to January 12.

THE CHAIRMAN: You've heard the motion. Is there a second?

MR. KYLE: I second it.

THE CHAIRMAN: Seconded by Mr. Kyle. Is there any further discussion? Any objection?

(No response)

THE CHAIRMAN: Hearing none, so ordered.

(Action establishing dates and limits for the 1970-71 scaup season, as outlined above, is here made part of the record.)

THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Walker.

MR. WALKER: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to offer a resolution affecting the southern part of the state. It's a resolution regarding installation of temporary earthen dam at French Fork, LaSalle Parish.

WHEREAS, Catahoula Lake is a large feeding and resting area for



waterfowl in Central Louisiana, offering hunting opportunities for large numbers of sportsmen, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to have water on Catahoula Lake for ducks to feed and rest and also to offer the maximum opportunity to waterfowl hunters, and

WHEREAS, in the past there has not been a sufficient amount of water to fully utilize the hunting potential that Catahoula Lake can offer early in the season, due to the dam at French Fork being installed too late to retain water for the opening of the regular waterfowl hunting season,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Director of the Wild Life and Fisheries Commission be authorized and directed to install a temporary earthen dam at French Fork, LaSalle Parish, with such dam having a runaround of at least



fifty feet in length and the runaround being set at 28.5 feet mean sea level, such dam to be completed thirty days prior to the opening of the regular waterfowl season.

Mr. Chairman, I move the adoption of this resolution.

MR. WRIGHT: Mr. Chairman, I second it.

THE CHAIRMAN: It has been moved by Mr. Walker and seconded by Mr. Wright that the resolution be adopted. Is there any further discussion?

MR. KYLE: I'd like to suggest that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Alexandria town newspaper.

THE CHAIRMAN: Is there any other discussion? Is there any objection?

(No response)

THE CHAIRMAN: Hearing none, so ordered.

(The text of the resolution,
as quoted above, is here
made a part of the record.)

MR. YANCEY: Mr. Chairman, the Secretary of



the Interior has published in the Federal Register a proposed policy statement which would recognize the authority of the states to manage resident fish and wild life within their respective boundaries. This matter has been a serious bone of contention for several years between the federal agencies and many of the states, particularly in the West, when during and under the administration of Secretary Udall the federal agencies began to encroach upon this traditional right of the states to manage resident fish and wildlife within their boundaries.

It resulted in legislation being introduced into the Congress, and that legislation is still pending; but this proposed policy statement by Interior would clarify and recognize that the states do have primary jurisdiction over the resident fish and wild life within their respective boundaries, and we would like to recommend at this time that the Commission endorse this proposed policy statement.

It has been endorsed by the International Association of Game and Fish Commissioners, of which Louisiana is a member, along with the other forty-nine



state game and fish departments. We have been urged to endorse this by Harry Woodard, who is presently president of this association and director of the Colorado Game and Fish Commission. So we would propose at this time that the Commission endorse this proposed statement.

THE CHAIRMAN: You have heard the recommendation. What is your pleasure?

MR. NORRIS: Mr. Chairman, I move that the proposal be adopted by the Commission.

THE CHAIRMAN: Moved by Mr. Norris. Is there a second?

MR. WALKER: I second it.

THE CHAIRMAN: Seconded by Mr. Walker. Is there any further discussion?

(No response)

THE CHAIRMAN: Hearing none, so ordered.

(Action endorsing Interior Department proposed policy statement relative to state management of resident fish and wild life is here made part of the record.)



THE CHAIRMAN: Max.

MR. SUMMERS: Mr. Chairman, members of the Commission. There is one item of business concerning a request by Garber Brothers, Inc. of Morgan City for a dredging permit to dredge fill material from Six Mile Lake.

I have a memo from Dr. St. Amant that he has reviewed this request, and it meets all the requirements as set forth by the Commission; and therefore, it is recommended that the permit be granted.

THE CHAIRMAN: You have heard the recommendation. What is your pleasure?

MR. GUIDRY: I so move.

THE CHAIRMAN: Moved by Mr. Guidry. Is there a second?

MR. WRIGHT: I second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Seconded by Mr. Wright. Is there any discussion?

(No response)

THE CHAIRMAN: Hearing none, so ordered.

(The text of the resolution
is here made part of the
record.)



WHEREAS, Garber Bros., Inc.,
of Morgan City, Louisiana, has requested
a permit to dredge for fill material from
Six Mile Lake, and

WHEREAS, this request has been
examined and meets all of the requirements
set forth by the Commission,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that
such permit to dredge for fill material
be granted.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Max. Ted?

MR. O'NEIL: Mr. Chairman, gentlemen of the
Commission. We are back here again to set the 1970-71
trapping season, and I would like to recommend that we
set all fur bearers to open on December 1 and run
through February 28, 1971. We have a provision on that
I would like to recommend: provided that if additional
time is required to prevent overpopulation of muskrats
and nutria on certain areas, it is recommended for such
extension -- recommendation for such extension must be
presented to the January '71 board meeting.

THE CHAIRMAN: You have heard the recommenda-



tion. What is your pleasure?

MR. GUIDRY: I so move.

MR. KYLE: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Moved by Mr. Guidry, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Is there any discussion? Any objection?

(No response)

THE CHAIRMAN: Hearing none, so ordered.

(The text of the resolution
is here made part of the
record.)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the
Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries
Commission does hereby set the
trapping season for nutria, beaver,
mink, muskrat, otter, raccoon,
opossum and skunk for the 1970-71
season from December 1, 1970 through
February 28, 1971.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,
that if additional time is required
to prevent the overpopulation of
nutria and muskrat in some areas,



recommendations for an extended season be presented to the Commission's January, 1971 board meeting.

MR. WINFREE: I would like to suggest that that be clearly understood and clearly stated about this January meeting.

THE CHAIRMAN: In addition to that, Ted, I'm informed that the people trapping west of the Calcasieu River have a problem with nutria and want to trap nutria before that time. Would you see what the problem is and come back with a recommendation to the Commission?

MR. O'NEIL: I sure will. I'll give you a report on it just as soon as I can get over there and get our biologist out and see what they need.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Ted.

MR. O'NEIL: Thank you.

THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Herring.

MR. HERRING: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The first item that we have on the agenda is an extension of the existing lease that we have on our Lutchter and Moore Wildlife Management Area shown on the map up here.

This area is some 55,000 acres in size, and



it is owned, the majority of it, by the Lutchter and Moore Company, and the lease does expire on November 18, 1970. Since this company is now in the process of trying to sell all their holdings in Louisiana and Texas, they are only giving us an extension through March 18, 1971, which is actually five months. This will carry us through the hunting season, and they have assured us that they will give us assistance in trying to maintain this area, whoever the new land-owners may be. I would like to recommend at this time that we do extend our lease with them through March 18, 1971.

THE CHAIRMAN: You have heard the recommendation. What is your pleasure?

MR. KYLE: So move.

THE CHAIRMAN: Moved by Mr. Kyle.

MR. WINFREE: Before the motion, Mr. Kyle, I wish you would include in your motion that the Director be instructed to go to Orange, Texas and talk to the Lutchter-Moore people and see if there is a possibility of us working out any further arrangement in the event that the bids don't come up to their expectation on



this Red River -- this is the Red River Game Management Area, isn't it, Mr. Herring?

MR. HERRING: The Lutchter-Moore Wildlife Management Area.

MR. WINFREE: Lutchter-Moore Wildlife Management Area, and at least converse with the owners. In other words, we want to buy it. We don't have any money, but we want to buy it.

THE CHAIRMAN: It has been moved by Mr. Kyle. Is there a second?

MR. GUIDRY: I second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Seconded by Mr. Guidry. Is there any further discussion?

(No response)

THE CHAIRMAN: Hearing none, so ordered.

(The text of the resolution
is here made part of the
record.)

WHEREAS, the lease agreement
on Lutchter and Moore Wildlife Management
Area expires on November 18, 1970, and

WHEREAS, Joe L. Herring, Chief,



Fish and Game Division, and Clyde E. Harrison, Supervisor, District III, met with Mr. J. H. McNamara, Vice-President and Assistant General Manager, and Mr. Marvin Taylor, chief forester for Lutchter and Moore Lumber Company, and

WHEREAS, the Lutchter and Moore Lumber Company is in the process of trying to sell all of their land holdings in Louisiana and Texas, and

WHEREAS, the Lutchter and Moore Lumber Company would only extend the lease for five months or until March 18, 1971, and

WHEREAS, this extension will get us through the 1970-71 hunting season,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this lease be accepted and extended for the Lutchter and Moore



55,000 acre Wildlife Management Area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission Director check further into the possibility of the Commission purchasing this tract of land for Wildlife Management purposes.

THE CHAIRMAN: No. 8.

MR. HERRING: The next item, Mr. Chairman, is a request of the Commission that we go ahead and remove and send to the people who have livestock on our Red River Wildlife Management Area, notify them to remove such stock from this area.

At the last Commission meeting, we did approve the final payment of the contract under which we fenced some eighteen miles of this area, which included 12,000 acres of land; and this is the Wildlife and Management Area that we are talking about on the board now. I would like, with the permission of the Commission then, to have our legal section go ahead and notify these people to remove this livestock by November 30, 1970.

THE CHAIRMAN: You have heard the recommenda-



tion. What is your pleasure?

MR. WRIGHT: I so move.

THE CHAIRMAN: Moved by Mr. Wright. Is there a second?

MR. KYLE: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Seconded by Mr. Kyle. Is there any further discussion? Any objection?

(No response).

THE CHAIRMAN: Hearing none, so ordered.

(The test of the resolution
is here made part of the
record.)

WHEREAS, approximately eighteen miles of cattle and hog-proof fence has been completed on the Red River Wildlife Management Area, and

WHEREAS, this encloses some 12,000 acres of wildlife habitat land, and

WHEREAS, livestock on the area is competing with wildlife for food and shelter,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that



all livestock owners be notified by registered mail, return receipt, to remove all livestock by November 30, 1970. This will be done by the Commission's attorney.

MR. HERRING: The next item on the agenda that we have is an extension of the period for removal of livestock from our Bodcau Wildlife Management Area. I'd like to ask of the Commission that this extension be given to November 30, 1970, for the removal of livestock on our Bodcau Wildlife Management Area in North Louisiana.

THE CHAIRMAN: You have heard the recommendation. What is your pleasure?

MR. WRIGHT: I so move.

MR. KYLE: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Moved by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Is there any objection?

(No response)

THE CHAIRMAN: Hearing none, so ordered.

(The text of the resolution is
here made part of the record.)



WHEREAS, a request has been made for an extension of time for removal of livestock from the Bodcau Wildlife Management Area, and

WHEREAS, the portion where livestock will be removed has been fenced by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission, and

WHEREAS, livestock compete with wildlife for food and cover on the Management Area,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that all livestock owners be notified by registered mail, return receipt, to remove their livestock by November 30, 1970. Notices to be sent by the Commission attorney.

THE CHAIRMAN: Ten.

MR. HERRING: The next item on the agenda, Mr. Chairman, is the request from the Ashland Pipe Line Company of Ferriday, Louisiana. They are asking permission to put a two-inch line, which would be some



303 rods in length, across a portion of our Red River Wildlife Management Area. This will be in Sections 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21, in Township 3 North, Range 7 East, in Concordia Parish.

Now this will cross an existing cleared area. Part of this is an old right-of-way. Our rate has been at \$5.00 per rod on such rights-of-way, and they did meet with the Commission yesterday afternoon and explained what they desire to do. That is the recommendation at this time. This has been discussed with our supervisory personnel out of our Ferriday office, and they see no objections to it.

MR. WINFREE: Mr. Chairman, in your absence this morning, we discussed this matter again, and we were under the impression yesterday that these people were asking for a large pipeline right-of-way. It develops it is merely a two-inch flow line, with a ten-foot right-of-way, which would parallel an existing large pipeline. We sort of felt that we were just a bit hasty in refusing this request yesterday, but we still instructed the staff to pursue some standards to bring us up to date at the next meeting whereby we



can arrive at some figure on standardization of our pipeline right-of-way, but this is merely a flow line.

MR. WALKER: How much are we getting for it, Joe?

MR. HERRING: \$5.00 a rod.

MR. WINFREE: Mr. Chairman, I know you are shaking your head, but this is --

MR. WALKER: We can use that \$6,000. That doesn't go into the conservation fund.

MR. WINFREE: That's right.

MR. HERRING: On this I would like also to suggest that they say that they only need a 30-foot right-of-way --

MR. WINFREE: I thought it said a 10-foot right-of-way.

MR. HERRING: Well, 30-foot to start with, and then they'll go down to ten feet. That's all they will need in the final analysis to keep up.

(Inaudible discussion)

THE CHAIRMAN: What do you all want to do?

MR. WINFREE: I don't know. As I was saying, if I was going to lay it, I'd lay it without even



asking anybody about it, myself.

MR. WALKER: But they asked, and when they ask, I'd sure charge them the \$20.00. They shouldn't have asked.

THE CHAIRMAN: What do you all want to do?

MR. WINFREE: I move its adoption.

THE CHAIRMAN: It has been moved by Mr. Winfree, seconded by Mr. Kyle, that we adopt the recommendation of Mr. Herring. Is there any objection?

MR. WALKER: I object. I vote "no." They ought to pay.

THE CHAIRMAN: So ordered.

(The text of the resolution
is here made part of the
record.)

WHEREAS, the Ashland Pipe
Line Company of Ferriday, Louisiana,
has requested to place a line through
a portion of our Red River Wildlife
Management Area, and

WHEREAS, this will be a
two-inch crude oil pipeline to connect



Biglane Oil Company tank battery
to Ashland's existing pipeline,
and

WHEREAS, Ashland agrees
to bury the line a minimum of 24
inches, and

WHEREAS, the line right-
of-way will be 303 rods in length
and 20 feet in width across portions
of Section 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21, all
in Township 3 North, Range 7 East,
in Concordia Parish, Louisiana,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,
that this easement be granted for a
fee of \$5.00 per rod.

THE CHAIRMAN: O.K.

MR. HERRING: Yesterday the West Feliciana
Parish Police Jury met with the Commission pertaining
to the deer season in their parish. Their request
yesterday was that the deer season be the same as it was
last year. As you know, we did have a nine-day still
hunt set up for their area, which would be November 7



through the 15th. They requested yesterday that this be left out, and that they have the remaining 25 days, which would be November 21 to December 6, which would give them 16 days of hunting with or without dogs, and then December 26 to January 3, which would be nine days with or without dogs, for a total of 25 days.

Then there was another area in their parish that had been recommended for an open season. They also request --

MR. WINFREE: Now, Mr. Herring, that's a different parish.

MR. HERRING: No.

MR. WINFREE: Oh, yes, it is. You're talking about West Feliciana on this side of them and the other area is East Feliciana.

MR. HERRING: Well, the West Feliciana people requested it, only that portion be open that was open last year.

MR. WINFREE: No, I think you are getting the two mixed up. The group that met with us yesterday, the police jury, was with reference only to West Feliciana Parish; and they requested a non-still hunt



for the first nine days. The other request was East Feliciana Parish to keep that area closed that was closed last year. It's two different situations.

MR. HERRING: Well, you see part of West Feliciana was closed last year also.

MR. WINFREE: Well, I'm talking about a closed area, and we define that as running eastward from -- running westward from Highway 67 to Thompson's Creek, and running northward from Highway 10 to the Mississippi line. That all lies within East Feliciana Parish, if you will check your map. So I think we should separate the two. We discussed the West Feliciana one first, and the other one is not on here.

THE CHAIRMAN: What do you want to do in West Feliciana, Joe? Mr. Wright, you are chairman of that deer committee. What do you want?

MR. WRIGHT: Area 3. We're taking away the whole area, and we're going to take the nine-day still hunt out of the whole area, is that right?

MR. HERRING: No, sir, just in West Feliciana Parish.

THE CHAIRMAN: Did West Feliciana Parish then



wish to keep the whole parish open? Last year part of the parish was closed.

MR. WINFREE: I didn't hear them make any other request other than just to take off the nine-day still season. Wasn't that the impression that you had, Jerry?

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, that's what I thought it was.

MR. WINFREE: Well, that's the impression we had. Don't you have a copy of that police jury resolution before you?

MR. HERRING: No, sir, not right here. No, sir.

MR. WINFREE: Do you have it, Clark?

MR. HOFFPAUER: Point Coupee?

MR. HERRING: No, West Feliciana. We have a Point Coupee then.

MR. WINFREE: It was my impression, Mr. Chairman, that the West Feliciana Parish Police Jury had requested that we do not have a nine-day still season in West Feliciana, period. There was no mention made of closing or opening any area.



THE CHAIRMAN: Is that what you want to do?

MR. WRIGHT: If that is the resolution.

MR. WINFREE: That was certainly the impression that the Commission members received.

THE CHAIRMAN: Do you make that in the form of a motion, Mr. Wright?

MR. WRIGHT: Yes, sir.

THE CHAIRMAN: O.K. Is there a second to that?

MR. WINFREE: I second it.

THE CHAIRMAN: Seconded by Mr. Winfree. Is there any further discussion? Is there any objection?

(No response)

THE CHAIRMAN: Hearing none, so ordered.

(The text of the resolution
is here made part of the
record.)

WHEREAS, the West Feliciana
Parish Police Jury representative (Mr.
J. W. Bennett, President) met with the
Board, and

WHEREAS, they requested that



the still hunt for deer from November 7-15, 1970, be cancelled, and

WHEREAS, the other hunting dates with or without dogs was set for November 21-December 6 for 16 days, and December 26-January 3, 1971, for nine days, giving a total of 25 days,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the West Feliciana Parish Police Jury request to cancel the still hunt be granted and that the 25 days of hunting with or without dogs remain the same for the entire parish.

THE CHAIRMAN: Now I understand that you have some change in East Feliciana Parish. Is that right?

MR. WINFREE: A modification.

THE CHAIRMAN: What would that be, Joe?

MR. HERRING: That would be from Highway 67 at the Mississippi State line, then west of Highway 67 to Thompson's Creek, and then east of Thompson's Creek at the parish line, back to the Mississippi state line



there.

MR. WINFREE: No, that's not right, Joe. Your southern boundary would be Highway 10, going northward to Mississippi. Your eastern boundary would be Highway 67, which leads from Clinton up to Centerville. Your western boundary would be Thompson's Creek, which is the parish line between West and East Feliciana.

MR. HOFFPAUER: As I understand, this is the area that we stocked some short time ago.

MR. WINFREE: Two years ago we put forty deer in there, and it's only been a two-year stocking program; and we had the season closed last year. My impression was, from Mr. Yancey and Mr. Herring, that we would like to keep an area closed for at least five years until these deer can work up. The season was closed last year, and so they have requested that it again be closed this year.

THE CHAIRMAN: Do you make that motion?

MR. WINFREE: I make that motion.

THE CHAIRMAN: Is there a second to that?

MR. WRIGHT: I second it.

THE CHAIRMAN: Seconded by Mr. Wright. Is



there any further discussion?

(No response)

THE CHAIRMAN: Hearing none, so ordered.

(The text of the resolution
is here made part of the
record.)

WHEREAS, the Commission has
received a request to close the north-
west portion of East Feliciana Parish
to deer hunting, and

WHEREAS, the area is described
as west of Highway 67 from Mississippi
state line to State Highway 10, north
of State Highway 10 from Highway 67 to
Thompson Creek, east of Thompson Creek
from Highway 10 to Mississippi state
line, south of Mississippi state line
from Thompson Creek to Highway 67, and

WHEREAS, this area has recently
been stocked with deer,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED
that this area be closed to deer hunting



for the 1970-71 season.

THE CHAIRMAN: No. 12, Joe.

MR. HERRING: The next one was pertaining to the breaking of dams, earthen dams, by vandalism in our state. It was requested by Mr. J. L. Walker and I think that he wants to discuss at this time that the Director be given authority to close such areas to sport, as well as to commercial fishing, when such things do happen.

MR. WALKER: You are correct, Mr. Herring. In our area we have had the breaking through vandalism or some method of two dams in Central Louisiana. We lost False River Lake completely. It was cut by unknown people, and all the water left and we lost all the commercial fish and the sport fish. They also cut Kittling Creek Bay dam, and we were able to save it. And so to preclude this happening again, I would like, Mr. Chairman, to offer the following motion. Am I in order?

THE CHAIRMAN: You're in order.

MR. WALKER: I would like to make a motion that the Director be authorized to close the commercial or



sport fishing in any lake or in area where the dam has been cut, or has been washed down, and that he use his discretion in effecting this order.

THE CHAIRMAN: You have heard the motion by Mr. Walker. Is there a second?

MR. WINFREE: I second it.

THE CHAIRMAN: Seconded by Mr. Winfree. Is there any discussion? Any objection?

(No response)

THE CHAIRMAN: Hearing none, so ordered.

(Action bestowing discretionary powers upon Director to close fishing in areas where wilful damage has occurred is here made part of the record.)

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you, gentlemen.

MR. DUFFY: I would like to offer our . . .

(Mr. Duffy's comment inaudible to reporter.)

THE CHAIRMAN: O.K., Mr. Duffy, would you do that, please. Do you have anything else, Joe?

MR. HERRING: Yes, sir. One other item that



we received this morning just prior to the meeting. A resolution from the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury and in this they are requesting the same doe season that they had in their parish last year. Now, this would take out quite a bit of territory in their parish. In the Old Portage Swamp area, they have requested that this be deleted. At their July 14 meeting, they did pass a resolution for the inclusion of this area for doe hunting. But now then they have rescinded this, and they have passed a resolution not to have the hunting in that area on November 21, 22, 23 and 24. They will be deleted, and the season will be the same as last year in Pointe Coupee Parish.

THE CHAIRMAN: You have heard the recommendation. What is your pleasure?

(Inaudible discussion)

MR. HERRING: That's right. One man had about eight or nine hundred acres of soybeans in that particular area, and he was receiving quite a bit of damage on his area from deer. So we met with the Police Jury and discussed this with them. About the only way we could help the man's problem is to have



an any-deer season in there; the police jury did agree with it, and they passed a resolution for a doe season. Now if this is cut out, the man will probably have his crop damage in there, but the police jury has requested, and they said they would take care of it.

MR. WINFREE: Well, the point being is that this gentleman who has his crop damaged, if he has any problems, he'll have to take them back to the police jury in Pointe Coupee Parish. But as I understand the law, he can still kill any deer that may cause him crop damage. Is that correct? Of course, I'm asking. I don't know.

MR. HERRING: I was going to let enforcement answer that question. You can't just go out and kill them. The point being you just can't kill the deer.

MR. WINFREE: If this Commission honors this resolution of the Pointe Coupee Police Jury, then this farmer can go back to the police jury and will not be bothering you and Mr. Yancey and Mr. Hoffpauer about these problems. Is that correct?

MR. HERRING: That's right. Recommend that he go to the police jury.



THE CHAIRMAN: Dick, you had something you wanted to say.

MR. YANCEY: Of course, under Louisiana law, there is no provision for anyone to take those doe deer unless specifically authorized by the Commission to do so during the prescribed open season. In the case of Pointe Coupee Parish, this Commission does have full authority to manage all these seasons for deer in Point Coupee, not just --

MR. WALKER: Well, it's not one of these parishes that have a veto?

MR. YANCEY: No, sir.

MR. WRIGHT: Mr. Chairman, I move that we go along with the recommendation of the Police Jury from Pointe Coupee Parish. I know that we have to work with them. I think that since they came in in time before all our pamphlets have been printed, I see no reason why we can't grant this request. I so move that we do so.

THE CHAIRMAN: Moved by Mr. Wright. Is there a second?

MR. WINFREE: Mr. Chairman, before you vote



on the motion, I would like to ask you a question.

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes.

MR. WINFREE: Is the area defined by the police jury resolution as to what area they would like to cut out relative to the taking of the doe deer?

MR. HERRING: The only way that they described it is as including the Old Portage Swamp area. This would be practically all the land that we did include in this year's doe season. Also their resolution stated that they desired only that land that they had last year in a doe season.

MR. WINFREE: Most of that lies south of 190?

MR. HERRING: Yes, sir.

MR. WINFREE: This will not interfere with the area north of Highway 190, though?

MR. HERRING: No, theirs that we opened last year, it will not affect them.

MR. WINFREE: I second the motion.

THE CHAIRMAN: Is there any further discussion? Any objection?

(No response)

THE CHAIRMAN: Hearing none, so ordered.



(The text of the resolution
is here made part of the
record.)

WHEREAS, the Pointe Coupee
Parish Police Jury sent to the Com-
mission by resolution a request for
cancellation of a portion of the
established any sex season, and

WHEREAS, the Police Jury
does not want an any sex season
November 21, 22, 23 and 24 in the
Old Portage Swamp area or other
areas not covered in the (1969-70)
last year's deer season,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED
that the parish of Pointe Coupee
will have an any sex season during
the 1970-71 deer season only in
that portion that had an any sex
deer season in 1969-70.

THE CHAIRMAN: Any other business? Anyone
else have any business?



MR. HERRING: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

MR. WRIGHT: Mr. Hoffpauer has some business.

THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Hoffpauer, do you have some business?

MR. HOFFPAUER: Gentlemen, the other day, in the organizational chart that we had, it was an oversight on my part. I request your permission to put the enforcement division directly under me, because it has to work with all the different divisions. I'd like for it to go that way, if you see fit.

MR. WALKER: What is that?

MR. HOFFPAUER: In the enforcement division, put it directly under me rather than under one of the branch chiefs.

MR. WRIGHT: MR. Chairman, I so move that this be done.

THE CHAIRMAN: Is there a second? Moved by Mr. Wright. Is there a second?

MR. WALKER: I second it.

THE CHAIRMAN: Seconded by Mr. Walker. Is there any discussion?

MR. WINFREE: Are we going to get a picture



of this?

MR. HOFFPAUER: Yes, sir. It's the same one you had before; it's just a one-line difference.

MR. WINFREE: The one we had before was on the back of a paper bag.

(Laughter)

MR. HOFFPAUER: Mr. Winfree, you were presented with a good mimeographed copy.

MR. WINFREE: I gave it to Mr. Walker. It was the only one in existence.

MR. HOFFPAUER: You ran out of paper bags.

(Laughter)

THE CHAIRMAN: Any further discussion?

MR. NORRIS: What change is that going to be from where it has been?

THE CHAIRMAN: None really.

MR. WALKER: Mr. Norris, the point to this, the one that was presented to us at the last Commission meeting, the enforcement came under the branch chief, who was Mr. Joe Herring. Is that correct?

MR. HOFFPAUER: No. There was nobody put in those positions, no names.



MR. WALKER: Beg pardon?

THE CHAIRMAN: There was nobody put in those positions, no names.

MR. WALKER: Do we have this position of branch chief open?

THE CHAIRMAN: It is my understanding civil service has accepted that reorganizational chart.

MR. HOFFPAUER: That's right.

THE CHAIRMAN: Is there any further discussion? Is there any objection?

(No response)

THE CHAIRMAN: Hearing none, so ordered.

(Action of the Board in accepting the revised organization chart is here made part of the record.)

THE CHAIRMAN: Do we have any other business?

FROM THE FLOOR: I have something, sir.

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, sir. Would you come to the microphone, please?

MR. VEILLON: I'm Edgar Veillon with the Jefferson Rod and Gun Club, and I'd like to have our



club's recommendations for the duck season made part of the record.

THE CHAIRMAN: Fine. Do they differ from what we did?

MR. VEILLON: No.

THE CHAIRMAN: Fine, then. Glad we did what you wanted. We'll have it made part of the record.

(The text of the recommendations is here made part of the record.)

August 18, 1970

Louisiana Wildlife & Fisheries Commission
400 Royal Street

New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Sirs:

In view of the excellent production on the Canadian breeding grounds and the expectancy of an unusually large fall migration, the Jefferson Rod & Gun Club would like to go on record as favoring the following season and daily bag limit.



That the season would be a split season, since the 10 percent penalty no longer applies, totaling 55 days with the first segment beginning on November 7th, 1970 and continuing through November 29th, 1970, and the second part to begin on December 12th, 1970 through January 12th, 1971.

This particular bracketing of days is suggested after considering that they would afford a equal hunting opportunity to all parts of the State at a time when the ducks are generally present throughout the respective areas. They would also include the Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year holidays which give the students attending school away a chance to do some hunting.

We would favor a daily bag limit of 6 ducks to include a minimum of two Mallards and or two Wood Ducks and or 1 Canvasback and 1 Red Head,



with a possession limits of 12 in aggregate. Also that there would be a bonus of two Scaup south of Highway 90 in the areas that it had applied in recent years.

Respectfully yours,

(s) Edgar F. Veillon

Edgar F. Veillon

State Board Director

Jefferson Rod & Gun Club

THE CHAIRMAN: Anybody else that we agreed with want to make anything part of the record?

MR. WINFREE: I see the great rabbit hunter out there. He wasn't here the last time that I fought for those rabbits. We didn't get rabbits until the 28th of February, what you asked for, and you weren't here.

(Inaudible comments from the floor)

THE CHAIRMAN: Do I hear a motion that we adjourn?

MR. KYLE: I so move.

THE CHAIRMAN: Moved by Mr. Kyle.

MR. WINFREE: Mr. Chairman, didn't the



Director say we were going to see some sort of movie?

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, he has a film that he wants us to look at.

MR. WINFREE: I think that you should invite the press if they desire to stay and look at this film. Where are you going to show it?

MR. HOFFPAUER: Downstairs in the Oyster Division conference room.

MR. WINFREE: Rated "Family"?

MR. HOFFPAUER: Rated "X."

THE CHAIRMAN: The meeting stands adjourned.

(Thereupon, the regular monthly meeting of the Board of the Wild Life and Fisheries Commission adjourned at 10:55 o'clock a.m. on Tuesday, August 18, 1970.)



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